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Compares Gas Rates Here with Other Localities

District Manager Fred Rea, Absent when Matter Discussed Aug. 7, Addresses C. of C. Diners

From Thursday's Daily—
Routine business, report from one committee of importance and the creation of another comprised the highlights of business transacted at today's Chamber of Commerce luncheon, at the conclusion of which the subject of natural gas rates was again broached and District Manager Fred Rea, himself a member of the directorate, but who had been absent at the meeting a few days ago, was requested to state his company's position in the rate matter, both as regards small consumers and the establishment of an equitable heating and commercial rate.

Mr. Rea had secured comparative rate schedules from different communities now being served with natural gas extending westward as far as Colorado, into Kansas, where gas is available in some localities without necessity of extensive piping and at St. Joseph and Kansas City, Mo. In each instance he showed the proposed Plattsmouth rate schedule is little, if any higher, for the small quantity consumer, and said the rate to be charged here is one that has been worked out from experience in other cities with natural gas, whereby the smaller consumer has to pay a proportionate amount of the cost of maintaining a distribution system, even though his actual consumption of gas be only a few hundred feet each month.

On house heating rates, his company's price of one per thousand for the first 5,000 is as low as any quoted in Plattsmouth, and in fact only in larger cities and after ten thousand feet is any lower rate available at the present time, being 50c per thousand for the excess consumption.

Mr. Rea stated that the average figures among their 450 gas customers for July showed a residence consumption of around 1,800 cubic feet, now costing \$3.60, while under the new rates the cost would be \$2.93 or a saving of 67c per consumer and the users of larger amounts would save proportionately larger sums on their monthly bill. He said his company was going on the assumption that it is best to start at a rate high enough to insure against having to ask the council or courts for an increase after a few months, and cited examples of voluntary cuts in rates on electrical consumption given the people of Plattsmouth during the past few years as conditions warranted the same, declaring this course would be followed by his company in gradually lowering rates on the natural gas.

He further stated that due to a much higher heat content, the natural gas consumption will fall off from 50 to 40 per cent to accomplish the same results.

WEDDING HERE WEDNESDAY

The wedding of Miss Marie Hunter to Mr. Sterling Ingwerson occurred on Wednesday morning at the residence of Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The wedding was a very quiet one and attended by only a few of the near relatives. The bridal couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dodson.

A short time following the ceremony the happy couple left for Lincoln, where they spent the night and left the next morning for Callaway, Neb., for a few days visit with a sister of Mrs. Ingwerson's, they also expect to go to Erickson, where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dodson of this place who are vacationing there on the lake and enjoying camp life for a week or ten days.

Mrs. Ingwerson is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunter of near this city. She graduated from the Plattsmouth schools and later attended the State University and since receiving her education has made her home with her parents. Her entire life has been spent in and near Plattsmouth.

Mr. Ingwerson is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ingwerson of near Nehawka. After he graduated from the Nebraska school in 1927 he spent one year on the farm with his father and for the past two years has farmed on the Hunter place a few miles west of Plattsmouth. He has always followed the occupation of a farmer and stock raiser. Before completing high school work he and his father and brother had a splendid herd of Spotted Poland China hogs and when only a boy he attended the sales throughout the country buying good stock to add to the herd.

After their honey-moon trip they will return to the farm west of Plattsmouth where they will be at home in the future.

Job Printing at Journal office.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS NEXT THURSDAY

In accordance with law the county conventions of both the democratic and republican parties will be held on next Thursday afternoon, August 25th at 2 o'clock at the court house in this city.

The law leaves little of the kick in the conventions altho they have several matters of importance to handle in regard to party government, that of selecting the delegates to the state convention, the naming of the county central committee and a county chairman, all important matters to the party.

Elks Plan for Festive Program Coming Week

Stag Party on Tuesday and Annual Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 31st and Then Golf Tournament

The Elks lodge of this city are planning a very extensive series of social functions for the next two weeks and which range from the stag party at the Elks country club on next Tuesday evening to the annual golf tournament which will be held in the first week in September.

The committee in charge are preparing very fine program for the Tuesday evening stag party at which the men will have a chance to play cards, smoke and otherwise amuse themselves as the spirit may move them.

FLETCHER AS TARIFF CHIEF

Washington—Henry P. Fletcher of Greencastle, Pa., a veteran of the American diplomatic service and long associated with problems of world economics, is to be the chairman of the reorganized tariff commission. His appointment was announced Friday by President Hoover, who said he considered Fletcher well qualified for the post thru experience with tariff matters while serving the government abroad. It was Mr. Hoover's first appointment to the commission since congress ordered the reorganization in the Smoot-Hawley tariff bill more than two months ago. The president has until Sept. 16 to name the other five members, three of whom must be democrats.

MRS WRIGHT POORLY

Mrs. A. J. Wright who formerly resided in this city but has been lately residing on a farm near Union, is very low at this time and her recovery is a matter of great doubt. The many friends here will regret to learn of her condition and hope that she may be able to recover from the illness.

Mrs. J. J. Svoboda and sons, John and Theodore, and daughter, Miss Dorothy, departed Friday for Lincoln where they will spend a few days at the Ed Forgerly home and also with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Janda and family. Mrs. Joseph Hiber, Sr., of this city is also visiting with the relatives at Lincoln.

Every shade of crepe paper and all the newest novelties and favors in the complete Dennison line found only at the Bates Book Store.

Seek Replacem't of Gravel Taken from Roadway

Residents on Road From Paved Highway Ask for Relief and New Gravel

This morning a delegation of a number of the residents of the territory between this city and Myrnard were here to interview the county officials on the question of the conditions of that roadway that was formerly a part of highway No. 75 but which has since been neglected after the opening of the paving.

The road was graveled some years ago as a part of the King of Trails highway, at that time the residents along the highway giving cash contributions together with the business men and residents of Plattsmouth, Murray and Union along the line of the road. As the paving work was started and the course of the highway was readjusted, the gravel was scraped off the roadway from the B. W. Livingston corner thence south and west to the Jean corner. Following the taking away of the gravel which was hauled and placed on the detour of No. 75, this section of road has gone from bad to worse and at this time that section running south past the residence of B. W. Livingston is about as bad as a bad section of road as could be found, whereas before it was always in very fine shape.

The road that is desired to be re-graveled is used by a great many as the larger part of the travel from the Rock Bluff section comes over this road to reach the picnic grounds. Having paid for their part of the gravel in the first place, the residents feel that they are justly entitled to have the gravel taken away, replaced, and they have as good a road as formerly.

SEARCH FOR ASSASSINS

From Thursday's Daily—
Local police and county officers were busy last evening in checking up all strangers passing through here as a result of the shooting of Sheriff Liphardt of Johnson county, Wednesday morning near Crab Orchard. There were several young men picked up but all were able to explain their presence and satisfactory evidence that they were not near the scene of the shooting of the sheriff and were not the parties wanted. The search for the youths has been extensive over the state, airplanes, cars and all of the available police and county officers in this section being in the search for the suspects. The last trace of the two young men was when their car was seen coming north between Falls City and Auburn.

Asks \$25,000 for Accident on County Road

Lloyd Livingston Files Claim Against Cass County for Sum Claiming Defective Road

A claim for the amount of \$25,000 against Cass county has been filed by Lloyd Livingston, who claims the amount due as the result of injuries sustained by Mr. Livingston while driving along a road south and east of Murray, two miles east of the Charles Creamer farm.

The accident for which the amount is asked occurred on July 5th and as the result it is alleged of the front wheel of the car of Mr. Livingston, getting in a hole in the roadway as he was turning out to pass another car. It is claimed that as the result of the accident he sustained severe injuries to his spine, that the shock of the accident has caused severe nervous attacks and has affected his health to a greater or less extent.

The matter is being looked into by the county officials as to the facts in the case as relating to the road condition and general allegations of the petitioner before action is taken in the matter.

Mr. Livingston is now at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ward, at Bethany, Nebraska, where he has been for some time.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my deep appreciation to the voters of Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties for the vote they gave me at the primary election for the democratic nomination for state senator. Their action will long be most gratefully remembered.

GEORGE WALTER OLSON.

MEISINGER REUNION

The annual reunion of the Meisinger families will be held at Garfield Park at Plattsmouth on Aug. 31st. In case of bad weather will be held Sept. 7th. By COMMITTEE.

LAST CONCERT OF SEASON

With the presentation of the open air concert by the Elks band, the curtain was rung down on the 1930 season of free public concerts sponsored by the City of Plattsmouth and the Chamber of Commerce.

The program was that of requests and Director Holly and the members of the band were very generous in presenting a very large number of the selections that had been asked for by the music lovers of the city. A very large number of the popular selections were given and which had as an added feature the vocal chorus by Miss Margaret Shellenbarger, one of the talented musicians of the city.

Death of Old Time Resident of Near Murray

John W. Connally Dies at Hospital at Pierre, South Dakota, Following a Stroke

One of the old time residents of the vicinity of Murray, John W. Connally, passed away on Tuesday, August 12th at the Fort Pierre hospital at Pierre, South Dakota, following an illness of nine days, he suffering from the effects of a stroke of paralysis.

The deceased was a resident of near Murray for some forty years, one of the best known men of that community and who had a very large acquaintance in that part of Cass county. Some twenty years ago he removed with his family to Dakota and has since made his home in that community.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Mollie Rhoden, sister of Don and George W. Rhoden, and also one brother, Quincy Connally, residing in Kansas.

The funeral of Mr. Connally was held on August 15th at Interior, South Dakota, where the interment was made.

LEAVING FOR NEW YORK

Mrs. William Hassler, Sr., who has since the death of Mr. Hassler been making her home for the greater part of the time with her son, Earl F. Hassler and family at Omaha, is to depart in a short time for Dunkirk, New York, where she is to spend the winter. Miss Anna Hassler, who is teaching at Dunkirk, has been visiting in the west here with the mother and brothers for several weeks and is now returning to her duties in the east and will take the mother with her to spend the winter there. Mrs. Hassler has been a long time resident of Plattsmouth and the many friends regret very much to see her leave the community that she has known as home for all these years and which is enriched to her by the memories of many happy years.

Will Celebrate Paving of Highway Thru Iowa

Big Festival to Mark Opening of Paved Highway From Glenwood to Atlantic

The last concrete on the paving of highway No. 34 across the state of Iowa was poured at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon at Thayer in the eastern edge of Union county, marking the completion of a great paved road system that now extends in an unbroken line from Glenwood to the Atlantic ocean.

This highway is the first paved road to be completed across the state of Iowa and is one of the very finest type, furnishing a most direct route to Chicago and the east and connecting through the Missouri river bridge at this place, makes a great unit of a highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The final completion of highway No. 34 will be celebrated at a big meeting to be held at Creston on September 19th and 20th and which will be attended by a great many from Plattsmouth as this city is situated on the direct route of No. 34 and the logical continuance of this highway to the westward.

Paving of No. 34 across the state was made possible by the individual counties along the route. Every one of the counties voted at least one bond issue and most of them approved two issues to pave the highway this year without delay.

Large map of Cass county on sale at Journal office. 50c each.

Popular Young People Married on Tuesday

Miss Elma Hardnock of Alvo and Orval Gerbeling of Wabash Joined in Wedding

A quiet home wedding took place on Tuesday evening August 19th, 1930, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hardnock, when their daughter, Miss Elma, became the bride of Mr. Orval Gerbeling, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gerbeling of Wabash.

The bride wore a gown of orchid chiffon and carried Ophelia roses. Her sister, Helen, was her only attendant, who wore a gown of green chiffon. The groom and best man, Raymond Bernheimer, wore the conventional black. Lloyd Mickle, nephew of the bride carried the ring in a large rose. Bernice Nickel, sang "At Dawning," accompanied by Marie Sausen, who also played the wedding march. The Rev. R. H. Chenoweth of Martell, officiated. The bridal party stood in front of a bank of green fernery during the ceremony and candeliers lit by Mrs. Ellis Mickle and Dorothy Coatman furnished the only lights.

Light refreshments were served immediately following the ceremony. Only immediate relatives and friends were present.

The bride is an accomplished young lady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hardnock of Alvo, and has been engaged in teaching school. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gerbeling and has a position in the Fuller store.

The many friends of both the bride and the groom go with them for a long, happy and prosperous voyage over life's matrimonial sea.

The newly married couple were given a charivar by an orderly group, who sang a number of appropriate songs.

After a wedding tour the happy couple will be at home to their many friends.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

VERY SERIOUSLY ILL

From Thursday's Daily—
The many friends over the community of Mrs. W. S. Wetenkamp of Myrnard, will regret that this estimable lady has been in very serious condition at the Immanuel hospital at Omaha for the past few days. It is expected that an operation will be performed today or Friday on the patient in order to try and secure some measure of relief for her. Mrs. Wetenkamp is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Warner of this city.

City Enjoins the Construction of Gas Line Here

Seeks to Stop Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co. From Entering City With Line

From Friday's Daily—
This afternoon an action was filed in the office of the district clerk in which the City of Plattsmouth through Claude C. Smith, acting mayor and the members of the judiciary committee of the council, seeks to prevent the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., from extending their lines into the city to carry the natural gas supply.

The city in the cause of action alleges that the company has no franchise that grants them the right to supply the natural gas in their mains and is therefore not entitled to be allowed to construct the lines until a franchise is secured from the city.

The hearing on the restraining order has been set for Saturday, August 30th and in the meantime the work of constructing the supply lines from the Missouri Valley Pipeline main line to the local gas plant will be tied up.

The local company operating here claim to have vested in them the rights granted in the late eighties to the Plattsmouth Gas Company, composed of Charles Jones, S. B. Hovey, of Independence, Iowa, and J. G. Richey of this city, of which company they claim to be the legal assignees.

25 GET \$5,000 DEATH THREATS

Denver, Aug. 22.—Death threats have been made upon another prominent Denver couple by "the Chislex," extortionist who has threatened 25 prominent Denver persons with death unless they pay \$5,000.

DRIVER LOSES LICENSE

From Saturday's Daily—
Last night parties arriving in the city from the north reported that a truck driver was causing trouble with the traffic on the road by his reckless driving. Constable Tom Svoboda who was acting in the absence of Deputy Sheriff Rex Young drove out to the vicinity of the Platt bottom and where it was found that the man driving the truck had overturned it, a double deck load of sheep being scattered over that section of the country as a result of the spill and a number of the sheep badly crippled up.

The driver of the truck was brought on to this city and lodged in the county jail, to await the filing of charges against him. This morning a charge of driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated was filed against the man by County Attorney W. G. Kieck and to which the defendant, Otis Ireland of Otoe, entered a plea of guilty.

Judge A. H. Duxbury hearing the case gave the man a fine of \$50 and costs for the offense and ordered his drivers license be taken away for the period of one year.

The defendant is engaged in a trucking business in and near Otoe.

Old Settlers Have Big Crowd Opening Day

Many Old Timers of the County Were Present to Enjoy the Visit Together

From Saturday's Daily—
With the weather ideal, and the people feeling rather satisfied with the election over and the rains saving a goodly number of people at the picnic grounds on Friday, August 22nd, the first day of the 42nd annual reunion of the citizens of Cass and adjoining counties. The usual refreshments stands and merry-go-round were in evidence. The tri-local band, comprised of Union, Nehawka and Lewiston dispensed sweet music, and sure they did look nifty in their natty uniforms. They held attention for the entire afternoon, divided of course with the speakers.

The address of welcome was by the president of the organization, Phil F. Rihn, followed by the invocation by the Rev. W. A. Taylor. Then Uncle D. A. Young was introduced, who held the audience spell bound while he told of the other days, where they had come to this country and erected a log house, which in turn with others was used for school and local church as well. Concluding he said these two elements had been potent factors in making this wonderful country. Education and Christianity. He admonished to people to be just honest, fair minded, energetic and sociable, and a greater civilization followed in store.

The next speaker, George Simeon Upton, who was the oldest speaker, being past eighty-one years. Mr. Upton recounted the incidents of the early days and spoke especially of the olden days and other incidents, telling of the hardships of the early days and how improved the times were from then. Then came Andy Foiden who rather introduced his subject for Saturday. He also told of the Indians and of the foot log over the Weeping Water creek which served as a bridge in the earlier days. The dance in the evening was a feature which was greatly enjoyed as was the laughs created by the comedians closing the afternoon program.

PUBLISHER IS SENTENCED

Miami—J. P. Wendler, publisher, was sentenced Friday to three months at hard labor on the county road force, following his conviction on a charge of criminal libel. Wendler, under a suspended sentence for libel in 1928, was charged in an affidavit Friday with a recent editorial attack against the late Glenn H. Curtiss. The first charge, to which Wendler offered a plea of nolo contendere, charged the publisher with attacking a member of Hialeah city council and others.

Circuit Judge Thompson Friday night denied Wendler a writ of habeas corpus and Wendler went to jail. Wendler is publisher of the Miami Beach Times and the Hialeah Herald. He was one of the principal witnesses in recent padlock proceedings against the residence of Al Capone at Miami Beach.

ENJOYS VISIT HERE

From Saturday's Daily—
Mrs. Blanch F. DeHart of Benning, Nebraska, who has been here visiting at the home of old friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones, departed this morning for her home in the west. Mrs. DeHart has just completed a very fine trip to the east, traveling through great many of the large eastern cities and on her way home decided to stop at Plattsmouth where in her girlhood she had made her home. Mrs. DeHart is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Barnhart, old time residents of this community.

Attempt Made to Rob Bank of Union Last Nite

Robbers Sledge Off Locks on Bank Vault But Unable to Gain Entrance to Safe

From Saturday's Daily—
The Bank of Union last night was visited by burglars who in a very crude manner attempted to gain entrance to the large vault in the bank and in which the safe containing the cash funds of the bank is kept.

The entrance to the bank building was gained by means of a rear window that was pried open by the robbers and they then proceeded to turn off the light that is usually kept burning in the main banking room at night. The men had evidently been supplied with sledges with which they battered the doors of the bank vault and in their endeavors to get into the vault they knocked off all three of the locks on the doors.

Unable to gain entrance by knocking off the combination locks an attempt had apparently been made to pry a part of the casing of the doors and this was equally fruitless to the robbers.

The fact of the attempted burglary was discovered early this morning and Deputy Sheriff Rex Young hastened to the scene and remained until the arrival of representatives from the office of State Sheriff W. C. Condit, who took pictures of the finger prints that were left by the parties who made the fruitless effort to gain entrance to the vault.

The bank officers arriving this morning found it impossible to get into the vault and the bank was unable to conduct their usual business until a safe expert could be secured who could force the way into the vault and have the combination locks restored.

In order to permit the bank to care for the needs of its patrons a supply of money was secured from the Plattsmouth State bank to care for the day's business, this being hurried to Union in the care of Deputy Sheriff Rex Young and turned over to Senator W. B. Banning, the cashier of the Bank of Union.

SPEEDERS GET ARRESTED

From Saturday's Daily—
Last evening two couples, claiming Omaha as their place of residence, were arrested on the charge of speeding along the main street our fair city. The parties had evidently decided to show the folks in the "sticks" that they were not paying any attention to the regulations and as the result they enriched the city treasury by some \$15.

The parties came up Main street and ignored the stop sign as well as the signals of Officers Pickrel and Hadraha, shouting back several remarks to the officers that were not fitting for the refined social circles also giving directions in which the officers might go. A few moments later the parties again made their appearance in the main part of the city and stopped, they then being arrested.

After some effort they secured parties in Omaha to drive here with the necessary funds to secure their release on the posting of a bond to appear here on next Monday morning and explain the full details of their side of the case to Judge Graves.

RETURNS FROM EUROPE

Misses Emma and Margaret Albert returned Friday afternoon from a stay of several months in Europe, they being members of a group of members of the Students Travel club, they joining the party of Prof. Kuhn of the University of Omaha.

The trip was a real delight to the ladies, they leaving Montreal on June 22nd and in their trip visited some nine countries of the old world including the large centers of European art and culture, the trip giving them the opportunity of viewing many of the beauty places that are world famous.

After arriving back at Montreal the Misses Albert spent a short time in visiting at various points in Canada and also at Washington, D. C., where they viewed the many points of interest in our own capital city.

REGISTER FOR SCHOOL

Those who are entering Plattsmouth high school for the first time and all others who were not registered this Spring, are asked to meet with Mr. Patterson on Saturday afternoon, August 30th from one to three. It is very important that all students register on one of these days. Students living outside of District No. 1 do not forget to bring free tuition permits.

R. F. PATTERSON,
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